A REMARKABLE SHOT.

SAVES HIS WIFE'S LIFE,

A CITY MAN IN THE ADIRONDACKS

He Was Always Practicing and Could Make Some Really Wonderful Target Shots-He Kills a Wild Panther with an Old Colt Revolver Having Two Balls

"The best marksman I ever saw in St. Lawrence county," the Adirondaek guide said, "was a Buffalo man named Birgin, who came here a few years ago with his wife. She was threatened with consump tion and the doctors had advised her t try the nir of the mountains. Birgin had a nest log cabin built about two miles in from here early in the spring, and when he had furnished it handsomely he moved in with his wife and two servants. He seem ed to have plenty of money, and didn't have anything to do but take care of his wife and sketch and write a little and prac-ticeshooting with a revolver.

"One day Birgin showed me a shot I would not believe could be made if I hadn't seen him make it three times in succession Some hardwood boards had been left where the floor of the cabin had been laid. Birgin took one of these boards and laid it on the ground, and leveled it up carefully with a little spirit level. Ten paces from the plank he put a mark about as big as a silver half dollar on a tree. Then he got back ten paces from the plank and leveled his pistol and fired at the center of the plank. The builet glanced from the hard wood and struck the mark on the tree. This he did three times in succession. He it in practics. ilesaid that some time his practice might be of use to him. And he Was right about that.
FILIDG A PANTHER WITH BIRD SHOT,

"After a couple of months Mrs. Birgin's health was so much batter that she was able to join us in short strolls into the timber, and she enjoyed them very much. She girls an hour or two at a time, while Birgin would ramble around and sketch and examine the rocks. On these trius I always carried my double barreled muzzle loading shotgun, and it's worth three of any breechloaders I ever handled. In the left barrel I niways had a heavy charge of powder and buckshot, and in the other barrel a charge of fine bird shot. Deer were out of season, and all we cared for

was a few birds for Mrs. Birgin. "One afternoon my boy, who was then a lad of 15, had been out with my shotgun. He came home at night a good deal ex-He had met some of the boys, and they had told him about a panther that had been seen and heard in the neighborhood. He talked so much about the panther that he forgot to tell me he had fired the charge of buckshot, and left both barrels loaded with bird shot.

"The next morning I took my shotgun and went over to the cabin. I only looked to see that it was loaded, and supposed the load of buckshot was in the left barrel, as usual, as the boy had never interfered with it before. My carelessness, for that's what it was, came very near being disastrous.

"Mrs. Birgin was feeling stronger than usual that morning, and we walked a long way from the cabin. One of the servants went with us and carried a big basket of provisions. We camped for lunch in a pretty little ravine over near Little River. After lunch Birgin and myself crossed the little revine and left the women sitting on

"Suddonly I heard a stir in the under-brush on the other side of the ravine. I to sed my head, and you can imagine how I felt when I saw a full grown male panmaking observations.

THE DRADLY SHARPSHOOTER. "My first thought was to give the pan-ther a dose of buckshot, and I took quick aim and let go my teft barrel over the heads of the women. I knew by the light recoil that something was the matter, but I could not understand it. I sent the other

charge instinctively. The panther was less than 100 feet away. "You can imagine the effect of the bird-shot in the face of a robust and hungry panther. It simply maddened him. The

benst prepared to spring upon the women. shotgun. At my first shot Mrs. Birgin. just above her, and fell in a dead frint. had turned and caught eight of the "The huge beast made the spring, but went wide of his mark and rolled down the benk to the bottom of the little ravine. Birgin had been equal to the emergency.

He sprang up instantly when I shot, and drawing his Colt's revolver sent a 38-calibre sing into the punther's right eye. A sec ond sing enoght him in the center of the forehead just as he sprang clear of the ground. He just grazed the form of Mrs. Birgin, and was dead before he had rolled down to the bottom of the gien.

"Birgin harried up the bank to attend to his wife, who soon recovered, and I went to look over the panther. Its face and neck were poppered with the little bird shot, but the empty societ and the I was overheading the panther Birgin came down and looked on. Now I know what I have been practicing all this time for," was all he said. He told me afterward that he did not wait to fairly get the sights, but his long practice made it impossible to

Birgin and the girl helped Mrs. Birgin back to the cabin, half carrying her most of the way. I skinned the pauther, leaving on the head and claws. Birgin took the skin with him to Buffalo when his wife's health was fully restored in the fall.

"For a while the boys had a good deal to say about gruning for panther with bird shot, but they won't soon forget the two shots with which Birgin brought down the only panther ever killed in these woods with a pistol."-Rochester Bemocrat.

A Severe Sentence.

He-Judgment! She wants execution!

-Punch. Ten Seconds Before the Betrothal.



Miss Winkley - Wha's dat flut'rin'

sound jess now? Mr. Gallerway-I didn't hear nuffin. Miss Winkley-Sounded powful laik

Mr. Gallerway-Spec's it must'r been

THE OLD SEA WALL. The wind blows north and the wind blows

south, And the tides surge in at the harbor's mouth The white gulls arrie and poles afar.
Where the breakers foam on the bidden bar;
The siant sails glisten, the bright beams fall.
And the waves lap low on the old sea wall.

Clear in the plaza the three bells chime At morn, at hom, and at vesper time; The quaint fort lies in a dream of days When the Spaniards wended the sandy ways Where the fair haired children laugh and call To the fleeting ships from the old sea wall. Progress leaps at the heels of change; The new grows of __ nd the old grows and a gayer life flows up and down

ow streets of the ancient town Than ever they knew, those soldiers tall. Who strode, long since, on the old sea wall. Now, when the moonlight's mellow sheen Silvers the roofs of St. Augustine, The lovers linger side by side On the path that looks on the gleaming tide;

And peace and joy hold the night in thrall, For love is lord of the old sea wall. — Leslie's Weekly. BILLTONG'S WELCOME.

BILL NYE DESCRIBES HOW THE DUKE OF CONNAUGHT WAS TREATED.

What He and the Duchess Wore, and What the Duke Had to Say for Himself-His Opinion of Our Principal

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According to the best information we can get hold of, the people of Billtong, B. C., made a great effort to entertain the Duke of Connaught and wife recently, and succeeded fairly well considering said that was one of the shots that had that Billtong is a comparatively new been taught him, and he had always kept town. The duke said that he was not a little surprised to find that Billtong was vet in so crude a state while marked

Two days were then given for medita-

tion and subsequent mirth. The duke wore an English made suit of all wool clothes which fitted him in cost a bob over one and ten. He were a Norfolk jacket and duck gaiters. Fearing the cold weather, his feet were encased in gunnysacks, tied with rag carpet warp, but the duchess made him said: 'Mr. President and gentlemen, I take them off for fear his feet would be am honored by being the repository of trained down too much by that course. One of his feet already has inflammation of the liver, and the left lobe of the other foot is greatly enlarged. He has He has made several efforts, through the aid of surgical institutions, to rectify his feet so as to have the instep on the top of the foot instead of giving the hollow efforts to precede the calves of his legs, but all to no purpose. He has also had several unsuccessful operations on his feet for strabismus. He wore an African explorer's helmet with mosquito netting on to it, and had a leather field glass attached to his person by means of a strap. Once he lost the cork out of his field glass while at Victoria, and had to get it

refilled at a measly public house. The duchess were a barege dress, with duchess tatting at the wrists and throat. The panels were held in place by basting the bank. Birgin had his revolver in his best as usual, and began hammering on a looped back with passementerie. Over all this she wore a Mackintosh and carbon backing for specimens, and I sat look all this she wore a Mackintosh and carbon best as usual. She wore a Mackintosh and carbon best as usual, and began hammering on a looped back with passementerie. Over all this she wore a Mackintosh and carbon best as usual, and the same and I sat look. threads of a contrasting shade, and the

ther only a few feet back of where the wo-men sat. It had probably been attracted by the smell of the provisions and was that he is looking somewhat mussed up and degage. In conversation with a newspaper man of Port Townsend he high bred consort and moseyed out of that he is looking somewhat mussed up | call it square I will now close." said that he had been eating railroad the room, to use his own words. "Of victuals so much that he feared his liver | course," says he, "I ought not to expect

boil on his stomach.



NYE SHES THE DUKE.

The duchess brought her work with her, and will stay in Billteng some hole between the eyes told the story. While time, they say. She sings some, and since her arrival has made the perspiration stand out on the brow of the hotel piano in a way which has alarmed the proprietor a good deal. Her grace sings the ballad "Sing. Sweet Bird," with much skill, hopping into the high notes with great precision and a flushed face. Her grace also sings and plays the ballad entitled "O, bury me not in the deep, deep sea." It is quite a sad song, and quite a number of gents who heard wipe their overcharged orbs on the row of towels which hang from the edge of the counter; also to enlarge their overcharged floating debt at the same time.

The duke takes this trip in order to get much needed rest prior to going back and at once beginning the arduous She-Yes, dear, I'm afraid cook wants task of being Duke of Connaught and Strathearn; also Earl of Sussex afternoons and Duke of Saxony and Prince of Saxe-Cobourg and Gotha Tuesdays and and selfish people, with oily words and Fridays.

On arrival at the pier seven lads, ranging from six to seventeen years of age, who had been bathing at the time, and had not had time even to put back the cotten in their ears, on hearing the tug approach came forward in full dress to welcome the duke and give him the freedom of the town. They then vocally requested God to save the queen, unless other arrangements had been made, and

afterward resumed their bathing. The military guard of honor, wearing brief but highly inflamed coats, now presented arms, and the mayor read a short address of welcome, while the duke was looking after his luggage. He does not fancy being entertained by the

In conversation with a reporter he said: "At Bungele, Canada, a petty offi- write the best articles on the importance cial whose name at this moment escapes of a wise bellot themselves forget to tionist and an industrial emancipation homeliest man in the state.

The asked the duchess and myself to vote. New York is sellof hegspenowed ist, and, as I remarked before, I am in Smiles-Shi you forget dine at his house. He said it would be | partially disappear, with mere room on | need of a dime. - Washington Post.

very quiet-no one else there, you know, the streets and better and more rapid R. Powell, President. R. T. Bran, V. Pres and all that. I told him I was tired and so was duch; but no, nothing would do but I must just drop in quietly and eat a little dinner with them. It would to do it, drinks good rum—first buying only take a few minutes and they would a biscuit to eat with it, don't you know never forget it. When we got there the kraal was full of lunkheads that had been asked in to see the show, and a coarse tradesman with whiskers in his ears was holding a photograph album on his knees as if it was a new born child. He was a great coarse man, with open face and pores. He was an under-taker, and gave me his card. It seems that ice is very high where he lives. His card I still have with me. It reads as

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"We had to wait an hour for a guest who was a member of parliament from up in the woods somewhere. He had been delayed because he couldn't get his milking done on time, as a bright little red heifer had presented him with another proof of her affection. So he had to stop awhile and see that mother and child were comfortable.

"Just as we sat down one of the host's children fell into the ice cream, and got quite chilled before the relief expedition could get there. On my right I had a freshman-I think he was a freshman. Anyway, he asked me the price of everything I wore, but did not know that Henry M. Stanley was the first man to put salt on the tail of the equator and forcibly rescue Emin Bey.

"We had cracked wheat with condensed milk, pap, pemmican, fried mush, hot house apples-dried in a hot house, I mean-kippered herring, skippered cheese, lemon squash, pie plant pie, prune sauce with umbrella sap, slumgullion and speeches.

"At a late hour I went home, and takwould sit on some cushions with one of the a desultory way, and which would not ing a large gobiet of smoke tanned Irish whisky I got my valet to kick me into a comatose condition and dropped into a

troubled sleep. "I had to respond to a toast also. I your crude victuals to-night, and am now asked to make a bright speech as a partial recompense therefor. I did not wish to come, as 1 told your honorable large, intellectual heels, which extend | body, for both her royal symmetry and back to about the time of Queen Anne. | myself were fatigued, having visited the jail and other thriving industries of the place. We had addressed the primary schools and seen your growing brick yard, spent an hour at your great cenof the foot a convex appearance. He has also spent a good deal of money in his job printing establishments and spent a job printing establishments and spent a few hours at the round house. So we were exhausted, and really needed rest more than we did to mix in the great vortex of society.

" 'We came to this country for rest raostly, and not to be fawned over and fed, or to sit up late of nights and eat caraway seed cookies on an empty stomach. Of course society has its claims on us and we will not ignore them; but I am not a copious speaker, and fear now that after these few little remarks that I still owe you something, although I did

leave my cheese also. The duchess has The duke has been traveling so much | not touched her pap, and so if you will

finds both in Canada and the United off his coat. States, but if one is going to entertain one should have some crude ideas about entertainment, at least they should be cordial, even if they have nothing but macadamized pie and soft shell dough-

"I do not go in for good victuals alone, for I can rough it very well, but the host asks me to his house because I am a duke. Such a host has no more idea of hospitality than a Congo debutante has of Delsarte. I don't mind a little that is crude, very crude in fact, if it is a welcome, but if it's just a hippodrome, with duke in the middle and ginger ale on the yards off." side, I ask to be excused.

"There are too many such folks, not only in the western hemisphere, but in England also. Look at the way Stanley is paying for his provender. He already wishes he was back in the deepest jungle of Africa, with a jug of spoopju and the silence of the forest. He says that Africa is at times socially dull, but he don't have to sit up like a spitz dog and speak before he can get his cookie. He says that some of the receptions on the Dark Continent are extremely informal, and that a few bonmots addressed to the principal wives of the host, a compliment perhaps to the hostess on the beauty of her sureingle, then a good-by at the door to the daughter as he pulls with her the wishbone of a missionary, then out into the tropical night, and the exercises are over.

"It seems odd to him, I judge, to return and be made much of by a great her at the hotel went down to the bar to many people who desire only to get to the front, as you say, by barking be- he doesn't love me; yet he kissed me last tween his roars. Meantime Hank's night.

Wiss Prettypert—Then you may rest

Miss Prettypert—Then you may rest new pieces to speak. The papers print Sun. what he says, and other explorers keep a scrap book and compare notes, and real-

ly there's nothing in it, don't you know. "People with titles and people of prominence are often good at heart, but silly each his little ax to grind, have ground and bore en and rode on these folks till they go about concealing their real sentiments from all but their wives, and wishing they could get among a troupe of well fed cannibals for a few months

just for a change." The duke was greatly pleased with the general growth of America, and cooks associably of New York Easton Philadelphia, Chicago and San Francisco, of which cities he seemed to have

quite a general idea. "New York," said he, "has arrived at that very advanced stage of development when she criticises larself so so verely that she doesn't leave anything else for her enemies to say. She is a sunot rancy being enservament by the perior city with an inferior government. Jet up on it.

The bare mention of notities unless her best citizens fairly gag, and the men who

"Boston is unruffled, quite English, eats good victuals, takes plenty of time to do it, drinks good rum—first buying and afterward turning it in and getting credit for it on the drink, so that another man can use it later on. Boston is a good place to live in, and an Englishman does not feel quite so put about and hustled and knocked down and dragged out, you see, as he does in New York.

"Philadelphia is like the gentle odor of tansy and dill on a quiet Sabbath morning. She is so demure, and so touchful and so prim that she reminds me of a sweet young widow I once took on a straw ride when I was a young man. She had lost her husband by death only a few months before. He had been sitting in a third story window, as it was in the prime of summer time, and doing a little chiropodizing on his own hook, when he lost his balance and fell to the pave-ment below, where he and his corn perished together. She had his features gathered up and sadly laid away, to be more carefully rearranged on the Resurrection day by more competent hands. On the straw ride I was at first afraid to converse with her on current topics for fear of touching her great grief, but ere we got home she had milked a strange cow, smoked a cigar, stolen eight watermelons and put a split stick on the tail of the bull dog that was left to guard the

"Chicago is a great town, and has so arranged it that you can't honorably cross the continent without stopping in to see She does not need anybody's sympathy in the World's fair matter, and man't asked for it yet. The hotels in Chicago, however, as a general rule need airing. Most of them bought their furniture during the war, and should buy some more now. They will have to improve greatly before '92 or visitors to the fair will make short stops. A great many of the English, Germans and French have money invested in Chicago and railroads centering there. They will come in '92 to see their property.

"San Francisco is the American Rome of ancient times, the American Paris of the present time, and some say looks like the American Jerusalem of olden times. She is what Alf. Tennyson would call a corker. She lives well, dresses well and makes money incidentally. She essentially lives up to the motto of that celebrated neighbor of yours on Staten Island who owns a picnic grove, at the entrance of which stands the crisp re-

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"I want to bet my overcoat, which is worth two pounds, against ten shillings in cash that none of you can separate one link from the others." The piece of chain was passed round

again to be more closely scrutinized, and finally one of the party, who was a machinist, returned it with the remark: "And I want to stake that sum against your overcoat that you can't do it your-

Done!" said the stranger as he pulled

Coat and cash were put in the hands of a stakeholder, and the stranger asked the group to follow him. He walked across the street and into a blacksmith's shop, and picking up a hammer and chisel he deliberately cut a link. The onlookers stood like so many

bumpkins at a country fair, but when I hate is the one, don't you know, that the stranger held up the link and claimed the stakes the machinist recovered his wits sufficiently to exclaim: "Sold by a professional swindler! The

money is yours; but in exactly thirty seconds after you receive it I shall begin to kick, and you had better be twenty

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similar to that in which they have been brought up," said the warden. "Thanks, pard. That suits me to a returned the vagrant. "I ben brought up walkin' through the country askin' for meals and gittin' away

from dogs. I'll begin right off."-New

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